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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARTER

1. AT MARCH 17 AM MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, US, UK, FRANCE AND JAPAN SPOKE ON RATIONALIZATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURES.

2. US PROPOSED PRUNING ASSEMBLY AGENDA, RATIONALLY DISTRIBUTING ITEMS AMONG COMMITTEES, SETTING TIME LIMITS ON ITEMS ALREADY DEBATED, AND APPLYING REQUIREMENTS OF "IMPORTANT AND URGENT" IN GA RULE 15. US ENDORSED GREATER ROLE FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE WHICH MIGHT MEET BEFORE GA SESSION STARTED, CONSIDER APPOINTING SUBSIDIARY WORKING GROUPS TO RATIONALIZE WORK IN A PARTICULAR AREA AND MAKE GREATER USE OF GA RULE 42. ON SECRETARIAT STAFF US CONSIDERED THE REQUIREMENTS OF "EFFICIENCY, COMPETENCE AND INTEGRITY" TO BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION; SUGGESTED, IN ORDER TO ENSURE OBJECTIVITY IN STAFF SELECTION, ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL OF OUTSIDE EXPERTS ON RECRUITMENT, MORE USE OF COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS, A MORE EFFECTIVE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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PROCEDURE, MORE INTENSIVE SEARCH PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT QUALIFIED PEOPLE IN ALL COUNTRIES ARE AWARE OF POTENTIALS FOR SERVICE WITH THE UN. US SUGGESTED CANDIDATES FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN COMMITTEE, SAID PRIORITIES IN COMMITTEES SHOULD BE MORE CLEARLY ESTABLISHED AND ABUSE OF POINTS OF ORDER SHOULD BE PREVENTED. US COMMENTED ON

MEXICAN PROPOSALS (WG/3) AND ROMANIAN PROPOSALS (WG/13).
(TEXT OF STATEMENT BEING POUCHED TO IO/UNP-ROBERT BARRY).

3. UK MADE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS: (A) CREATE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE WITH SAME COMPOSITION AS GENERAL COMMITTEE TO RATIONALIZE AGENDA ITEMS, (B) STAGGER ITEMS OVER TWO OR MORE YEARS AND GROUP RELATED ITEMS, (C) IMPLEMENT PARA 28 OF ANNEX V OF GA RULE OF PROCEDURE, (D) DISTRIBUTE MORE EQUALLY WORKLOADS OF FIRST COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE, (E) APPLY CRITERIA IN GA RULE 15 ON ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, (F) COMPLETION BY ALL COMMITTEES OF WORK REQUIRING CONSIDERATION BY FIFTH COMMITTEE WITHIN TEN WEEKS, (G) AGREE NOT TO CIRCULATE ADDITIONAL PAPERS UNTIL FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN STATED, (H) START MEETINGS ON TIME BY REDUCING OR ABANDONING QUORUM, (I) BUREAU OF EACH MAIN COMMITTEE SHOULD REVIEW WORK WEEKLY, (J) CALL FOR ROLL-CALL VOTE NOT TO BE MADE WHEN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM AVAILABLE AND (K) LIMIT EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE TO TEN MINUTES.

4. FRANCE PROPOSED (A) GROUPING AGENDA ITEMS TO DECREASE NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS; (B) DEVELOPING CONSULTATIONS IN SIXTH COMMITTEE ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF ITEMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES; (C) FIRST COMMITTEE CONSIDER ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISARMAMENT OR ALTERNATIVELY THAT A DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE BE RE-ESTABLISHED. FRANCE PREFERRED RE-ESTABLISHING A DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE; (D) INTRODUCING PROCEDURE FOR REACHING CONSENSUS WITHIN RULES OF PROCEDURE. FRANCE SUGGESTED AMENDING RULE 86 TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING A LARGE NUMBER OF ABSENCES AND ESTABLISHING NEGOTIATION PROCEDURES TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION OF STATES (TO AVOID BLOCKS).

5. JAPAN SUPPORTED MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO LIMIT NUMBER OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF PRINCIPAL ORGANS, CONSIDERED MEXICAN PROPOSAL ON EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION WITHIN SECRETARIAT "VERY IMPORTANT"; SUPPORTED BROADENING FUNCTIONS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE; FAVORED SMALL CONSULTATIVE GROUPS FOR REAL CONSENSUS. HOPED THAT CONTACT GROUP ON ASIAN ITEM ON COMPOSITION OF UN BODIES COULD COMMENCE WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. IN PM OF MARCH 17, INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUP MET AND CONTINUED LISTING PROPOSALS ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES CONTAINED IN WORKING PAPERS

ISSUED THIS YEAR AND A FEW PROPOSALS FROM LAST YEAR'S
DOCUMENTATION THAT SPONSORING DELEGATIONS WISHED
PLACED ON LIST. GROUP WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS ON
LISTING PROPOSALS ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES
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